

SPECIAL  
CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
SIMMS COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT  
PUBLIC HEARING  
July 10, 2017  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 111  
1:30 P.M.

**Notice:** These minutes are paraphrased and reflect the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners. MCA 7-4-2611 (2) (b). These minutes were officially approved at the July 25, 2017 meeting.

**Commission:** Chairman Jim Larson, Commissioner Jane Weber, and Commissioner Joe Briggs.

**Present:** Linda Schott, Karen Eisenzimer, Terry L Schott, Ed McKay, Dustin Nett, Jeff Carlisle, Mary Embleton, Bonnie Fogerty, Marie Johnson, and Tracy Rosenbaum.

**Opening of the Public Hearing**

Chairman Larson opened the public hearing at 1:32 p.m. and recessed the regular meeting.

**Reading of the Public Notice**

The reading of the public notice was waived without objections and made part of the record (see exhibit "A").

**Staff Presentation**

Mary Embleton gave the synopsis of the steps that were taken by the Simms County Sewer District to apply for this Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application.

**Call for Applicant**

**Dustin Nett Project Manager for T, D, &H Engineering Firm** provided a six (6)-page handout describing the Simms County Sewer District Preliminary Engineering Report (see exhibit "B"). He noted that Phase 1 should begin this fall, and they are seeking to secure funding for Phase II.

**Jeff Carlisle of P.O. Box 282 Simms** interjected and questioned if they completed the work done to the sewer main lines, using the T.V. camera to inspect the inside of the lines. **Mr. Nett** stated that this inspection has been completed.

**Chairman Larson** question if the new irrigation system would be included with the total project. Mr. Nett affirmed that it is included in the total project cost.

**Ed McKay of 30 Fisk Road Simms** questioned what happened to the old irrigation system, and wondered if the same would happen to the new one that will be installed.

**Mr. Carlisle** answered Mr. McKay by stating the old irrigation system was dismantled and belonged to a property owner. He assured him that they would take measures to secure the new irrigation system.

Mr. Nett also noted that they would have security fences and signs for added security.

**Chairman Larson** reminded the attendees to speak to the Commission from the podium and not engage in public conversations.

### **Call for Proponents**

**Mr. Carlisle** thanked the Commission for their support on this project, which is critical for their future. He reminded them the need for the grant money and stated they will be able to compensate an operator that has only been working for \$400.00 a month. He also emphasized that without the grant it will be a hardship on the water users, and thanked the Commission for this opportunity.

**Richard Liebert 289 Boston Coulee Road Great Falls,** *This was a voicemail received on July 10, 2017 on Mary Embleton's phone.*

Mr. Liebert spoke in support for the Simms project for the CDBG grant. This is a good use of government funds to support rural infrastructure in rural communities.

**Chairman Larson** called for Proponents three times in which there was no further comments.

### **Call for Opponents**

Chairman Larson called for Opponents three times in which there was none.

### **Informational Witnesses**

Chairman Larson called for Informational Witnesses in which there were no further comments.

### **Close of the Public Hearing**

Chairman Larson closed the Public Hearing at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting.

**Commissioner Briggs** conveyed their support and reminded them that this allows them to submit the application to the state and does not guarantee them receiving the grant.

**Commissioner Weber** reminded them that this is a very competitive process and encouraged them to proceed with this worthy project.

**Chairman Larson** reaffirmed that they have worked hard to get this far and keep up the good work.

### **Call for a Motion**

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 17-66 to authorize the submission of the CDBG application for the Simms County Wastewater Improvements Phase II. **Motion carries 3-0 R0342037**

**Chairman Larson called for public comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda and that is within the Commissioners jurisdiction. (MCA 2-3-103).**

**Mr. Carlisle** requested the Commissioners help with a property owner who has possibly installed a septic tank. He stated he did contact the Health Department but received no assistance. Commissioner Briggs stated he would look into this matter.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Larson adjourned this special meeting at 2:10 p.m.